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SUBJECT: CSCE - ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ADDRESSES COMMITTEE II

1. JANEZ STANOVNIK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECE,
ADDRESSED COMMITTEE II ON NOVEMBER 2 UPON REQUEST.
PRESENTATION LIMITED TO INFORMATION ON STRUCTURE
AND OPERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION AND SELECTED

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER PAST 26 YEARS.
WRITTEN DOCUMENT ALSO SUBMITTED (CSCE/II/CS/7) WHICH
TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. STANOVNIK SAID THAT CSCE FACED WITH CHALLENGE AND
OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE POLITICAL IMPETUS TO ECONOMIC
COOPERATION IN EUROPE. HE CHARACTERIZED ECE AS A
PRAGMATIC INSTRUMENT OF MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WHICH
HAS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS AND ADAPTED TO CHANGING
CIRCUMSTANCES. ECE HAD PROMOTED COOPERATION BETWEEN
DIFFERENT SYSTEMS THROUGH INNOVATIVE METHODS. MEMBERSHIP IS
COMPOSED NOT ONLY OF COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT ECONOMIC
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SYSTEMS, BUT DIFFERENT LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED

THAT SUCCESS OF ECE DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTARY COOPERATION
OF SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES AN ADOPTION OF PROGRAMS BY
CONSENSUS.

3. STANOVNIK SET FORTH MAJOR METHODS BY WHICH ACTIVITIES
CARRIED OUT BY COMMISSION ILLUSTRATED BY SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.
HE CITED EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE; ECONOMIC
AND TECHNICAL STUDIES; EXPERT MEETINGS; DECLARATIONS,
RESOLUTIONS, POLICY STATEMENTS; FORMULATION OF REGULATIONS,
RULES AND STANDARDS; ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES AND MODEL
CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS; AND ELABORATION OF
CODES OF BEHAVIOR AND CONVENTIONS.

4. HE ADDED THAT ECE CONTINUES TO FOLLOW TRADITIONAL
ACTIVITIES IN SECTORAL BODIES SUCH AS TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND
TRANSPORT. MORE RECENTLY, ECE HAS EXPANDED AND INTENSIFIED
ACTIVITIES AND HAS MOVED INTO NEW AREAS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENT,
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MANY OF
ECE ACTIVITIES REQUIRE INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH, AND THE
WORK PROGRAM HAS BEEN MORE FULLY INTEGRATED IN LINE WITH MAJOR
AREAS OF ACTIVITY.

5. STANOVNIK CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR BLENDING
OF THE PRAGMATIC MACHINERY OF ECE WITH A NEW POLITICAL WILL.
HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF CSCE WHICH
COULD PROVIDE THIS POLITICAL WILL FOR USING ECE MORE
EFFECTIVELY.

6. THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS OR DISCUSSION FOLLOWING HIS
PRESENTATION.

7. COMMENT: STANOVNIK CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY DIRECT REFERENCE
TO POSSIBLE FUTURE ROLE FOR ECE IN CSCE CONTEXT, NOR DID
HE OUTLINE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN
BY THE COMMISSION. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED TO APPEAR
BEFORE A CSCE COMMITTEE AND CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT
HE WOULD WELCOME SUPPORT FROM CSCE FOR AN ENHANCED ROLE
FOR ECE. STANOVNIK HAS REQUESTED HIS STAFF TO PREPARE
CONTINGENCY PAPERS CONTAINING NEW OR INTENSIFIED PROJECTS
WHICH HE IS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE IF REQUESTED BY CSCE
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AND APPROVED BY COMMISSION. AT THIS POINT THERE IS NO
INDICATION THAT DELEGATIONS WILL SEEK STANOVNIK VIEWS
CONCERNING POSSIBLE FOLLOW-ON ACTIVITIES BY ECE. MANY FAVORABLE
REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO ECE AND DESIRABILITY OF
REGIONAL COOPERATION THROUGH THE COMMISSION, BUT ONLY ONE OR TWO
NEUTRALS HAVE EXPLICITLY SUPPORTED EXPANDED ECE ROLE.
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